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"What?" Cupid asked trying to hide her tears.

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"You don't have romantic feelings for him?" Cupid asked a bit of hope in her eye.

"To be honest between you and Dexter, you would have a better chance of going out on a date with me, I just asked him because I heard he asked like half other girls and they rejected him, not you obviously. I felt sorry for him." Raven winked at the cherub before walking away.

There was also that one time where Raven convinced Maddie (or was it the other way around) to run against Apple as the Student Body President. That ended up with them sharing the title, at least now the lesser fairytales and supposed villains had a non objective voice on their side.

Kitty Cheshire could be a real pain with her pranks some times. Like when she decided that Cerise's secret needed to get out. Sure it made Raven and Cerise become closer friends, with the wolf-girl revealing her family heritage, but it didn't make what Kitty did right.

"Raven how could you?" Kitty whined when she was released from her running spell.

"Cerise is a friend too, Kitty. It isn't up to us in any way or form

to expose a secret that wasn't ours to expose." Raven stated calmly.

"But she's a â€“"

"I know, but in all the time that I knew her she wasn't once mean to anyone."

"You like her?" Kitty asked looking almost scandalized.

"As a friend, you, Cedar and Maddie are the only ones who know about my preference in life partners."

"And you are sure you won't go out with me?" Kitty asked, Raven held a special place in her heart.

"You are too mischievous for me, cute as hell, but I would be putting out too many fires to enjoy my time with you. And no I don't want you to change. You won't be Kitty if you changed." Raven placed a chaste kiss on her forehead. "Just promise me you won't try to expose anyone else's secrets, unless they want you to."

Kitty blushed as she nodded. She won't let Raven down. She would rather play chicken with a bandersnatch before she disappoints Raven.

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Raven woke with a start on the morning of Legacy Day. For some bizarre reason her first two weeks plagued her dreams, reaffirming her decision not to sign her name in the book. Luckily Apple was still snoring softly. Raven took the opportunity to get ready and flee the dorm. Her luck held true since Apple only started to stir when Raven walked out of the room.

Since it was Legacy Day, Raven thought about the possible consequences of her not signing her name. That was how Maddie found her just outside the school. There weren't any classed that day, but every one had to attend home period.

"Maddie you have to help me, I don't feel like I can sign The Storybook of Legends, but I don't want to let everybody down either." Raven grabbed Maddie's shoulders.

"And don't forget the whole '_If you don't sign your story would disappear and you could end up in oblivion'_. That's a thing you know and it has to hurt." Maddie brought a smile to Raven's face even if she still felt down.

"We don't know if that is true."

"But what if it is?"

"What if it's not?"

"But what if it is?"

"Maddie you aren't helping." Raven said trying to contain her laughter. The mad girl stood in thought.

"Wait a tick, I think I know who can help." Maddie said in a sing-song voice. "In our first year I came across a portal in the lifairy that lead to a secret location underneath the school, the archives. The man who stays there knows just about everything going on in the school."

"Let's go," Raven grabbed Maddie's hand and fled before she had to endure another lecture about destiny from Apple White.

Once they reached the lifairy they descended a few flights of stairs before Maddie knocked on a seemingly random piece of wood and the two of them were magically sucked into it. The place they ended up was a well organized chaos.

They walked through a few passages just to be met by none other that Giles Grimm, Headmaster Grimm's brother.

"Feathers and Friends together alone," the man gave a bow.

"I love it when he speaks Riddleish." Maddie clapped excitedly. "This is Giles Grimm he was cursed with a babble spell and now he stays here. He says it's nice to see us."

"Ask him about the book, if I don't sign will I disappear?" The earlier nervousness returned.

"Can the musical chair change its tone, if the tablet of granite is inscribed with a bone?" Maddie asked all dramatically.

"The king who sings with pages of sky, fears too much the dawn that rises with lies." Giles replied after contemplating a bit.

"He says that there is something wrong with the book and if you don't sign your story willâ€“"

"Will?" Raven asked anxious just for her face to drop when Maddie took out her tea set and poured Giles a cup of tea.

"Oh sorry," Maddie said absently. "It will continue."

"That's a relief." Raven sighed until Maddie added the 'I think'. Raven could just strangle the girl some times.

"Hey Riddleish isn't an exact language." Raven swore she would learn Riddleish there and then, as fast as possible.

"Can I have a clump of your hair just in case then?" Raven asked. She would do the spell after she either signed or not.

The bell tolled signaling the start of home room and Raven felt herself being transported to said room instantly. She was glad for that since their homeroom was at the other side of the school.

After homeroom everyone went out to the Podium for the signing ceremony. Story of Cinder Ella was called on first and they all signed their names, they were called first since their story would play out during their school time. Raven saw that Ashlynn was reluctant to sign and felt for the girl. She was one of the few who understood Cedar's mouthful 'tall tale'.

Apple was all smiled when she signed her name. Raven didn't need to see the mirror that was privacy locked, to know that Apple saw her perfect Happy Ending. And then it was her turn.

"I, Raven Queen, daughter of the Evil Queen, pledge â€“" she stopped there not wanting to utter the words. She didn't have to, as the key appeared anyway.

Inserting the key the pages turned. It stopped on the first part. Raven taking of the old crone glamour and tucking Apple into the bed she was on. The pages shifted revealing Raven being run out of town. Then it showed her living on the streets while Apple lived in luxury. Her stealing a single loaf of bread and taken to Apple who banished her to the mirror realm with her mother.

"All this after being friends?" Raven asked in barely a whisper. She stood straighter and spoke very loud and clear. "I am Raven Queen, and I will write my own destiny!" she slammed the book close and her magic flared causing the mirrors on the podium to explode.

She didn't disappear.

The next few moments happened in a blur. The ones who had a Happily Ever After booed and the ones who wanted to do their own thing cheered, Maddie louder than them all combined. She froze everyone and after unfreezing Apple tried to cheer her up by stating that she could still have a happy ending even with out Raven's involvement. She ran away crying.

Raven then unfroze Maddie and they had a moment. A moment that seemingly got interrupted by the elusive Narrators, maybe Raven might try to extract that from Maddie's hair too. It would be interesting to hear disembodied voices. Scratch that, no it wouldn't. That night just before Raven got to her room she was stopped by Ramona Badwolf.

"You got some guts." She said with a wolfish smile. "I just signed my name as anonymous last year, just like my dad and mom did, but what you did was off the page. I wish I thought about that."

"Yeah Cerise showed me the photo, that only half assured me, but I thought that Mr. Badwolf actually signed the book." Raven asked confused.

"There are loads of fairytales that never signed their real names, mostly those who fell in love outside of their story, or with the villain of the story. I know that Sparrow won't sign now. He really doesn't want to end up marrying his sister." Ramona laughed. "Anyway some of us who like your style are having a get together in my room. Justine is going to be otherwise engaged."

"Sure I'd like that." Raven smiled, she really didn't want to deal with an overly emotional Apple White just yet.

Ramona held out her arm for Raven to hook into and the two of them walked up a flight of stairs and to the last room on the floor. The one side of the room was decorated in ballet regalia while the other side was more tribal in design. On the rather large bed sat a few people already.

"What are you guys doing here?" Raven asked in confusion as she eyed them: Hunter Huntsman, Cerise Hood, Cedar Wood, Maddie Hatter, Kitty Cheshire, Sparrow Hood and for some odd reason Ashlynn Ella, sure she was dating Hunter, but she already signed the book.

"Welcome to the Rebellion?" Cerise asked/stated. That broke the tension and started the first meeting of the first rebels. "I'm here because I don't want to be the next Red Riding Hood for certain private reasons."

"I am a vegetarian," Hunter provided, "Being the next huntsman means that I would hunt and kill animals for fun, and I am dating Ashlynn, someone outside my story."

"I actually like working in my parent's shoe shop, and would love to continue doing it after I graduate. I really, really thought that I would disappear if I didn't sign, I am regretting that now." Ashlynn said squeezing Hunters hand.

"Sparrow doesn't want to be Robin Hood," Sparrow sang out then added in his normal voice, "And all signs point towards my sister being Maid Marian and that's just sick and wrong."

"This is fun." Kitty and Maddie said together. Raven knew however that Kitty only came here to be close to her.

"I just want to be who I am and not my father." Cedar supplied.

"And I am not gonna eat any old ladies, period. I like my meat young and chewy." Ramona liked her lips. Cerise pulled her hood down to hide her blush. She knew exactly what Ramona implied.

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The next day Apple hunted Raven down and was all smiles, like she was in denial. At least the princess was speaking to and not yelling at her so that was a push in the right direction. They entered the cafeteria just to find that some of their respected friends have started a food fight. To get them to stop Raven expelled her magic. It all turned out good until Apple spouted nonsense about destiny.

The morning's commotion was a welcomed chaos in Raven's opinion. She and Maddie were walking down the halls and Raven had a weird idea to get someone to replace her. The small pig, Hamton, decided that he wanted to be an evil queen, just up to lunch. He discovered that helium balloons floated. It was also at this time that Apple had a fit that Raven was trying to find a replacement as Evil Queen. So for the time being Raven is still stuck.

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